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SUBJ: GOVERNOR REAGAN'S VISIT TO JAKARTA

1. GOVERNOR AND MRS RONALD REAGAN AND PARTY DEPARTED JAKARTA BY SPECIAL MISSION USAF AIRCRAFT FOR SINGAPORE DECEMBER 4TH AT 0815 LOCAL. VISIT WAS SUCCESSFUL IN ALL RESPECTS WITH GOVERNOR MEETING WITH INDONESIA'S PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK. GOVERNOR ALSO ATTENDED LUNCHEON GIVEN BY FOREIGN MINISTER AT WHICH GOVERNOR SPOKE. GOVERNOR ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR WERE HONORED GUESTS AT AGREEMENT SIGNING BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA'S PETROLEUM ORGANIZATION, PERTAMINA, AND JAPANESE FIRMS IN CONNECTION WITH FIRST OF TWO HUGE LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS PROJECTS WHICH INVOLVE SUPPLY OF LNG TO PACIFIC LIGHTING COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA AND PRIME CONTRACTOR FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION BECHTEL CORP OF SAN FRANCISCO. GOVERNOR ALSO SPOKE AT RECEPTION HOSTED BY AMBASADOR AND AMERICAN MEN'S ASSOCIATION ATTENDED BY SOME 300 PEOPLE INCLUDING KEY MEMBERS OF AMERICAN AND INDONESIAN BUSINESS COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS SENIOR GOI OFFICIALS AND FOREIGN MINSITER. GOVERNOR HAD 30 MINUTE PRESS INTERVIEW WITH EDITOR OF LEADING INDONESIAN LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER WHICH RECEIVED EXTENSIVE PLAY IN BOTH VERNACULAR AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS

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OF HIS PRESENTING PRESIDENT SUHARTO LETTER FROM PRESIDENT

NIXON. MRS REAGAN CALLED ON MRS SUHARTO, WIFE OF THE PRESIDENT, WHICH ALSO RECEIVED WIDE PRESS COVERAGE.

2. DURING HIS CALLS ON PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK, GOVERNOR REAGAN DISCUSSED US INTEREST IN STRENGTHENED TRADE TIES WITH INDONESIA AND BOTH MALIK AND SUHARTO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN EXPLORING WAYS TO FURTHER EXPAND THEIR TRADE TIES. PRESIDENT SUHARTO THANKED GOVERNOR REAGAN FOR US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, WHICH, HE SAID, HAD COME AT THE TIME INDONESIA NEEDED HELP FROM ITS FRIENDS ABROAD.

3. LUNCHEON GIVEN BY FOREIGN MINISTER HAD AMONG INVITEES MINISTERS OF JUSTICE, FINANCE AND TRADE, GOVERNOR OF JAKARTA, GOVERNOR BANK OF INDONESIA, HEAD OF BULOG (GOVERNMENT RICE PURCHASING AND DISTRIBUTION AGENCY) TWO SENIOR PARLIAMENTARIANS, ALL SENIOR OFFICIALS OF INDONESIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, REPRESENTATIVES OF LADING INDONESIAN FIRMS AND SENIOR OFFICERS OF DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IN ADDITION TO MEMBERS OF GOVERNOR'S PARTY AND SENIOR OFFICERS OF EMBASSY. FOREIGN MINISTER'S TOAST INCLUDED REMARKS CONCERNING INDONESIAN-AMERICAN ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL AND POLITICAL RELATIONS AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THOSE RELATIONS AS WELL AS EXPECTATION FOR THEIR CONTINUATION. GOVERNOR REAGAN EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE PACIFIC AREA TO US IN TRADE WITH SPECIAL COMMENTARY CONCERNING CALIFORNIA'S UNIQUE ROLE AS A PACIFIC RIPARIAN.

4. IN ORDER AVOID CONFUSION AND MISQUOTES THAT ARE ALL BUT ENDEMIC PROBLEMS OF INDONESIAN PRESS COVERAGE AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WAS ARRANGED WITH SABAM SIAGIAN, EDITOR OF SINAR HARAPAN, WHICH LASTED OVER 1/2 HOUR AND COVERED CONTINUING

US INTEREST IN INDONESIAN TRADE RELATIONS, DOMESTIC POLICIES IN THE US AND GOVERNOR'S OWN POLITICAL PLANS. THE GOVERNOR'S PRESS ASSISTANT, GARCIA, SAID THAT INTERVIEW WENT OFF EXTREMELY WELL AND THAT AMBASSADOR AND COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFING COVERED ALL SUBJECTS RAISED BY REPORTER. INTERVIEW WHICH ATTENDED BY USIS PRESS ATTACHE WAS FRIENDLY, ORGANIZED, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND PROFESSIONAL. REPORT IN JAKARTA TIMES, DECEMBER 4, INDICATED GOVERNOR MET WITH PRESS FOLLOWING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND WHEN ASKED IF HE RECEIVED GUARANTEE FROM SUHARTO FOR MORE INDONESIAN OIL "THE GOVERNOR WHO WAS A FORMER MOVIE STAR SAID: WE DID NOT HAVE A SPECIAL DISCUSSION OF THAT KIND".

5. INDONESIAN OBSERVER (ANOTHER ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER)

DECEMBER 4TH, REPORTS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER AFTER MEETING WITH GOVERNOR SAID TO PRESS THAT HE "HAD ASKED MR REAGAN TO HELP INDONESIA'S RICE ESTATE PROJECT EXPECIALLY LENDING AMERICA'S EXPERTEES". (MICHAEL DEEVER, ASSISTANT TO THE GOVERNOR, WILL CONTACT APPROPRIATE PARTIES IN CALIFORNIA ABOUT POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN RICE ESTATE AREA).

6. WE BELIEVE THAT IN SPITE OF SHORTNESS OF STAY, GOVERNOR REAGAN HELPED MAINTAIN MOMENTUM IN US-INDONESIAN RELATIONS OVER ALL, AND WHILE HE DID NOT GET INTO DETAILS OF ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL TRADE RELATIONS, HELPED DISPLAY US CONCERN WITH SUCH MATTERS ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF GROWING INDONESIAN UNEASINESS WITH ROLE OF JAPANESE IN INDONESIA. GOVERNOR'S EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE PRESENTATION AT RECEPTION WAS A GREAT BOOSTER TO AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

7. COOPERATION BY INDONESIAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES WITH GOVERNOR AND EMBASSY SECURTIY PEOPLE WAS OUTSTANDING. WE EXPECIALLY APPRECIATED GUIDANCE AND HELP FROM GOVERNOR'S ADVANCE TEAM OF CARBONI AND KAZEN WHO DISPLAYED UNDERSTANDING OF OUR PROBLEMS.

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